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Dear George:

    My first order of business today is to thank
you for your very generous telegram sent to me on
the occasion of the William J. Donovan Award. The
telegram carried warm good wishes from you and
Barbara and I assure you that Ty and I return them.

    The evening with the OSS was a memorable occa-
sion which will linger in my mind for years to come.
The dinner was beautifully planned, well attended
and remarks in my regard most extravagant.

    William French Smith made a fine address, indi-
cating support of CIA. And this, coming from the
Attorney General, bears importantly on the morale
of that organization, which, as you know, passed
through several years of difficulty and only now is
being restored to its proper position through the
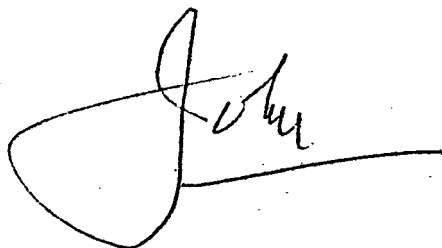able leadership of Bill Casey.

    Incidently, Casey spoke at the Commonwealth Club
in San Francisco at a Friday luncheon. His message
was excellent, well received and he handled some
difficult questions with consummate skill. I have
every reason to believe that Bill has restored con-
fidence within the Agency's organization and, once
again, recruits are coming to the Agency from the
"top of the class". This situation, as you know,
existed for many years, but was lost through the
damage inflicted by Frank Church and his Committee.
All of this brings pleasure to me, as I know it does
to you, as we both carry a loyalty to CIA, growing
out of close association with the men that cause it
to run.

    I have many matters to discuss with you and hope
that on my next trip to Washington (now unscheduled),
I can find a few moments on your crowded calendar.
Until then, my warmest regards and my sincere appre-
ciation for your telegram, which was read at the
dinner by the dinner chairman.

The Vice President
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      Theiline joins me in best wishes to you and
Barbara.

                              Most sincerely,

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